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(b) & (c) A draft Bill to amend the Madras Local Boards Act with reference to these conclusions is under preparation and it will be introduced when ready. The question whether the Village Panchayats Act should be repealed or revised will be decided when the provisions of the Local Boards Act are settled.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" With reference to the answers to clauses (b) and (c) of this question, may I enquire when the Bill which is being drafted will be introduced ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I cannot say."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Approximately in how many months, Sir ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Perhaps in July, Sir."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I ask whether the Government or the Minister have accepted the recommendations of the conference and are drafting the Bill on that basis ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The Bill is being drafted with some amendments and not exactly on the lines of the recommendations of the conference."

Application of the Government Order regarding public service qualifications to local bodies.

* 1435-A Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether a Government Order has been issued recently regarding the employment of unqualified men by local bodies and if so, whether a copy of it will be placed on the Council table ;

(b) whether some chairmen and local board presidents have construed the Government Order to be applicable to all their office subordinates and applied to the Government for exemptions even in respect of posts for which no qualifications have been prescribed and whether the Government Order is intended to apply to the holders of such posts ; and

(c) whether the Government propose to issue a fresh Government Order making their intention clear on the point ?

A.—(a) A copy of [a] G.O. No. 3947, L. & M., dated 1st October 1928, regarding the employment of unqualified men by local bodies is laid on the table.

(b) Yes. The Government Order will obviously not apply to posts under local bodies in respect of which no qualifications have been prescribed by Government.

(c) The Government consider that G.O. No. 3947, L. & M., dated 1st October 1928, requires no elucidation.

Application of the Government Order regarding public service qualifications to local bodies.

* 1435-B Q.—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether G.O. No. 3947, L. & M., dated 1st October 1928, was issued to all local bodies enjoining them not to employ or continue in their service any persons who are not qualified according to the rules relating to public service ;

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 107 infra.